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CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK

September 14 – 20, 2014 is Child Passenger Safety Week. The Tucson Police Department Traffic Enforcement Officers will be participating in a number of activities during and around this week focusing on child passenger safety.

On Wednesday, September 10 there will be a call-in registration on the KVOA 4, 5 and 6PM newscasts. Parents and caregivers will have the opportunity to sign up for a public car seat class which will be hosted by the Tucson Police Department in partnership with KVOA and TMC at the Westside Service Center, 1310 W. Miracle Mile. There will be four classes taught using the curriculum developed by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS) to instruct students in the proper installation and usage of child safety seats. At the conclusion of the class, participants will be given a car seat.

Traffic Enforcement Officers will deploy throughout the City during Child Passenger Safety Week focusing on the proper use of car seats and seat belts. Arizona's child restraint law requires that every child under the age of eight must be properly secured in a federally approved child safety seat, appropriate to the child's height and weight. Officers observing violations of this law can stop a vehicle based solely on this violation.

Additionally, the Tucson Police Department, in partnership with Safe Kids Pima County, will be hosting a car seat check at the Target Store located at 4040 N. Oracle (Oracle/Roger) for National Seat Check Saturday. The event will be held in the north parking lot of the Target Store on Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 9:00 to noon. Parents and caregivers that have car seats are encouraged to come by for a free car seat check to ensure the seat has been properly installed. TPD Nationally Certified Car Seat Technicians will be available to answer questions about car seats, booster seats and child passenger safety.

The activities scheduled during Child Passenger Safety Week were made possible through funding provided by the Governor's Office of Highway Safety Occupant Protection Grant.

Any questions regarding the grant or deployment may be directed to Sgt. Mary Kay Slyter in the Traffic Division at 837-7250.

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